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1. The Purvi Mai rubber factory (formerly the Pantar Brothers factory) is located one and one-half kilometers south of the village of Voshino (XL-1554) on the Sofia-Pernik road. The factory employs approximately 300 workers and at present chiefly produces rubber tsarvuli (moccasins) for the army.
2. The Chavdar rubber factory is located 500 meters south of the village of Svetovrachena (XL-4170). The plant was formerly the Druzhestvo Proizvodstvo i Plasiment (Production and Distribution Association). The plant employs approximately 700 workers and produces all types of rubber shoes, washers, children's toys, and special washers used on steam heating installations and railroad car air brakes. The plant is equipped for quick transformation to military production.
3. The Ibonit rubber factory is located in Pazardzhik between the railroad station and the town on the Sofia-Pazardzhik-Plovdiv road. The factory employs approximately 250 workers. The main activity of the plant is the reprocessing of used rubber and rubber shavings. The factory makes rubber soles for shoes, moccasins, and rubber floor mats. Part of the reprocessed rubber is shipped to other rubber factories for working.
4. The Sila rubber factory in Pazardzhik is located in the northeastern part of the city. The plant employs approximately 400 workers. The main production of the plant is bicycle and motorcycle tires. They also produce other standard items such as rubber soles and moccasins. The plant is scheduled to be enlarged under the five-year plan to the rank of Zavod, a plant which includes several buildings or factories.
5. The Vasil Kolarov rubber factory is located in the northeastern part of Pleven adjacent to the municipal hospital. The factory employs approximately 600 workers and produces for the most part rubber shoes and moccasins. Under the five-year plan, the factory is scheduled to become a Zavod in 1952.
6. The Maritsa canning corporation is located in Pazardzhik. The corporation

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administration is located three and one-half kilometers southeast of the city. Other installations include: a canning factory in Zvunichevo (RA-0808); a canning factory in the center of Pazardzhik; and a canning factory located next to the Pazardzhik railroad station.

7. The Dvadetsi i Treti Septemvrii plant in Sofia produces spare parts for tractors and harvesters and machine parts for various factories.
8. The Voroshilov plant in Sofia is located northwest of the city between the military ramp, the village of Vrubnitsa and the village of Iliyantsi. Construction of the plant is almost completed; it will produce all types of electrical installation supplies.
9. The Military Engineer Signal Factory VISPA (formerly the Engineer Workshop) is located on the Sofia-Knyazhevo road opposite the Alexandrov Hospital. The factory produces for the army signal equipment, radio senders and receivers, telephones, and insulators.
10. All the above-mentioned factories work on a 24-hour schedule of three shifts daily.
11. All factories and plants in Bulgaria are grouped into Obedinenie (Associations) according to the material with which they work. In this manner all rubber plants, leather plants, canning factories, et cetera are grouped together and come under the appropriate division, i.e. Rubber Division, of the Ministry of Production. A Russian is at the head of each division and he is aided by assistants who are also Russian and who continuously circulate among the factories to observe production and direct activities.

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